

Claims:

1. An apparatus comprising:

a communication module having an antennae unit, wherein the antennae unit is adapted to disable the communication module when in a first position.

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2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is operateable when the antennae unit is in the first position.

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3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the antennae unit is further adapted to enable a visual indicator when in the first position.

4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the visual indicator comprises a light emitting diode (LED).

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5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the antennae unit is further adapted to enable the communication module when in a second position.

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6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least a majority of the antennae unit is contained within the communication module when in the first position.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein substantially all of the antennae unit is contained within the communication module when in the first position.

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8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the communication module comprises a radio.

5 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the communication module is adapted to
transmit and receive signals having a frequency ranging from about 1 MHz to 900 MHz.

10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the communication module comprises a
personal computer memory card international association (PCMIA) card.

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11. A system comprising:

a processor;

a static random access memory coupled to the processor; and

a communication module having an antennae module, wherein at least a portion of

5 the antennae unit extends from the communication module in a first position to enable the communication module.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein at least a majority of the antennae unit
extends from the communication module when the antennae unit is in the first position.

10 13. The system of claim 12, wherein the antennae unit disables the communication
module when in a second position.

15 14. The system of claim 13, wherein at least a majority of the antennae unit is
contained within the communication module when in the second position.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein the antennae unit extends less than about 10
centimeters outward from the communication module when in the first position.

20 16. The system of claim 12, wherein the antennae unit is adapted to enable a
visual indicator when in the second position.

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17. A method comprising:

disabling a communication module in a portable device by inserting at least a portion of an antennae unit into the communication module.

5 18. The method of claim 17, wherein disabling the communication module includes moving at least a majority of the antennae unit into the communication module.

10 19. The method of claim 17, further comprising enabling the communication module by extracting at least a majority of the antennae unit from the communication module.

20. The method of claim 17, further comprising enabling a visual indicator.